

Pithy Points Gathered for the Perusal of Times Readers.

Mrs. D. C. Freeman, of Kelton, S. C., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. Finch.

Messrs. E. W. Kimbrell, L. J. Massey, and J. L. Spratt are at Cleveland Springs, N. C.

Mr. A. B. Withers, master mechanic of the Louisiana Southern Railroad, whose shops are located in New Orleans, is visiting friends in this community.

On the plantation of Mr. J. D. Withers, near Fort Mill, there was recently hatched a chicken with four legs, each independent of the other. The chicken lived six days.

Miss Ziza Young has accepted a position in the dry goods store of L. J. Massey. The position which she held with the firm of Meacham & Epps is now being filled by Miss Hattie Curtis.

The 6-months-old child of Mr. Boyce Bennett, a young farmer whose home is a few miles north of this place, died last Tuesday night. It is thought that strangulation caused the child's death.

Those who attended the farmer's picnic held at the home of Mr. F. Nims last Friday report an enjoyable occasion. In the afternoon speeches were made by Prof. E. E. Thornwell and Mr. J. W. Ardrey.

Mr. W. B. Hoke and Magistrate McElhaney have jointly operated a threshing machine in this section this year, and Mr. Hoke informs us that they have threshed between 16,000 and 17,000 bushels of wheat and oats.

On account of the excessive heat which has prevailed in this section and which is still with us, the Millfort mill shut down Monday morning. It is understood that work will be resumed on the 27th instant.

Monday morning, Ed Cureton, an 18-year-old negro boy, was given thirty days on the chain-gang by Magistrate McElhaney for stealing farm implements from Jas. Hoagland, a tenant on the plantation of L. S. Nivens.

One thousand cartridges have been received from the adjutant-general's office in Columbia by the captain of the local military company. Five hundred of the cartridges are to be used in target practice, the remaining 500 to be preserved for an emergency call from the governor.

Mr. and Mrs. William Mack, of Northport, N. Y., are visiting the parents of the former, Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Mack. Mr. Mack is a staunch Democrat and thinks that Bryan's chances of election are better this year than in 1896, though he does not believe New York State will go Democratic.

Our Gold Hill neighbors are preparing for a big time Saturday, that being the day on which their annual picnic is to be held, near the home of Hon. S. H. Epps. The public generally is cordially invited to be present, but those who attend should be accompanied by baskets well filled with food.

Democratic voters who are desirous of participating in the primary election to be held next Tuesday should bear in mind the fact that no names can be placed on the club roll after to-morrow (Thursday) evening. The secretary of the club in Fort Mill has made every effort to obtain and place upon the roll the name of every voter in the township, but there is almost certain to be some omissions and it should be a matter of sufficient interest to every Democrat hereabouts to ascertain whether his name is enrolled.

Dr. H. F. Alexander has sold his practice to Dr. D. G. Anderson, of Ebenezer, S. C., and will return to his old home in Elizabethton, Tenn., in the near future. Dr. Alexander moved to Fort Mill from Tennessee in 1894. He is considered a first-class physician, as is evinced by the fact that he has succeeded in working up a paying practice in this community. Our people generally will learn with regret of his determination to leave Fort Mill. Dr. Anderson is a young man and a native of this county. He graduated from a Southern medical college last year.

At the National Capital.
Regular correspondence.

WASHINGTON, August 13, 1900.—By rejecting the three bids submitted for armor plate for the new battleships by the Carnegie, Bethlehem, and Midvale companies and calling for new bids the Navy Department has put off for a time the decision which Secretary Long was authorized to make as to whether the extortionate prices should be paid or a government armor-making plant be established with the \$4,000,000 Congress placed at his disposal for that purpose. Although the date set for opening the new bids is October 2, there is reason for the belief that it is the intention of the administration to find some way to keep the matter open until after the election and then to accept the bids of the Carnegie armor trust.

Mr. H. R. Shade, who is in charge of the German bureau at Democratic headquarters, said the bureau was receiving many letters from Germans, commending Colonel Bryan's Indianapolis speech and announcing their intention to vote for him because of his sturdy stand against imperialism. Speaking of a recent publication, Mr. Shade said: "I notice that the Republicans think they have a trump card in a number of German band uniforms, brought to Chicago from the Fatherland by special permission of the German government. I think they will be mistaken in the value of these uniforms as vote-getters. Instead of commanding the admiration and enthusiasm of the German voter the uniform will remind him of the imperialism of the fatherland, which he came to this country to avoid."

"In the six national elections since Grant was President," said Col. J. B. Weaver, of Tennessee, "the Democrats have had a plurality of the popular vote four times and the Republicans but twice. Garfield has a plurality in 1880, although it amounted to but 7,000 votes, and McKinley in 1896. In 1876 Tilden had a plurality over Hayes; in 1884 Cleveland over Blaine; in 1888 Cleveland over Harrison, and again in 1892 Cleveland over Harrison. Because McKinley had a plurality of 600,000 four years ago is no reason why Bryan should not have a plurality this year. Greater changes than that have taken place, even years ago when the total vote was much smaller. In 1892 Grant had a plurality of 760,000, and in 1896 Tilden's plurality was 250,000, a change of more than a million votes. When you stop to think that the vote in 1896 was something like 13,600,000 as against 6,400,000 in 1872, more than as much again, it isn't hard to believe that Bryan has a show of wiping out that plurality of 600,000 and himself receiving a plurality of the votes."

The Democratic national campaign committee is meeting the efforts of the Republicans to befog the Puerto Rican question by circulating the proclamation issued by General Miles when he took possession of the island, in which he told the Porto Ricans that the United States' forces had "come bearing the banner of freedom" and to "bestow upon you the immunities and blessings of the liberal institutions of our government." How well the Republican administration and Congress kept the promises of General Miles was shown by the telegraphic news of the present week, stating that a delegation of several hundred starving natives from the interior had visited the governor begging for bread or work. The Porto Rican chapter is one of the most disgraceful in the record of the Republican administration in Congress, and the people of this country should not be allowed to forget it, and will not be.

In a letter to a local Democratic paper, denying the editorial that the negro vote was solid for McKinley, a negro office-holder said: "I am in a position to know whereof I speak when I say that Mr. Bryan will poll a larger negro vote than ever was polled by a Democratic candidate for President. Mr.

Bryan will poll a splendid negro vote in Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, and West Virginia. These are States where the negro vote is a factor, and where also you need every vote you can get. In New York he will poll 25 per cent of the negro vote."

Longest Hot Spell in 21 Years.

In reference to the remarkable spell of hot weather that has prevailed over the greater portion of the country for the past two weeks, Mr. Gray, of the Charlotte weather bureau, has the following to say: "While there have occurred during August, of previous years, more extreme temperatures, there has not been during the past 21 years an August with a more protracted spell of hot weather. During the past 15 days the maximum thermometer registered above 90 degrees; and since the 1st of August there have been 17 days with temperatures above 90. The highest temperature recorded during this time was 99 degrees on the 10th. The average maximum temperature up to yesterday was 94 degrees—a very remarkable record. The average daily temperature for the same period, was 82 degrees, which is 5 degrees in excess of the average daily normal."

A Card from Mr. S. F. Massey.

Editor Times: Being compelled to continue work in trying to make a living for my family, I can not canvass the township as I should like for election as magistrate. I hope you all will consider my condition and vote for me at the polls. I should be glad to meet all the people, but have to keep on working.

SAM. F. MASSEY.

Notice of Primary Election.

Rooms of the Democratic Executive Committee of York county, S. C., Yorkville, S. C., August 16, 1900. Notice is hereby given that the biennial Democratic primary election for United States Senator, Governor and other State officers, a Congressman for the Fifth district, a Solicitor for the Sixth Circuit, four members of the House of Representatives, a Sheriff, a Clerk of Court, a County Supervisor, a Coroner, a County Superintendent of Education, an Auditor, two County Commissioners and a Magistrate for each township, will be held at the various precincts in York county on Tuesday, August 28th, A. D., 1900.

The polls will open at 8 o'clock a. m. and close at 4 o'clock p. m. The qualifications for voting in this election are as follows: The voter must be 21 years of age or shall become so before the succeeding general election, a resident of the State for one year and of the county sixty days before the primary and be a white Democrat, or a negro who voted for General Hampton in 1876 and who has voted the Democratic ticket continuously since. And such negro voter must produce a sworn written statement of ten reputable white men that they know of their own knowledge that such negro voter voted for General Hampton in 1876 and has voted the Democratic ticket continuously since. The said statement shall be placed in the ballot box by the managers and returned with the poll list to the County Chairman. No person shall be permitted to vote in this election unless he has been enrolled on a club list at least five days before said primary election.

The club list shall be inspected by and certified to by the president and secretary of the local clubs and turned over to the managers of election to be used as the registry list.

Under the rule adopted by the County Executive Committee on the 20th of June last each member of said committee shall appoint three managers to conduct said election at their respective precincts. The said managers shall before entering upon the discharge of their duties take and subscribe to the prescribed oath before a notary public or other officer, but if such officer is not convenient the managers may swear one another. Should one or more of the managers appointed fail to appear, the remaining manager or managers shall appoint others in their stead and administer to them the prescribed oath.

The said managers shall administer to each voter the following oath: Do you solemnly swear that you are duly qualified to vote at this election according to the rules of the Democratic party and that you have not voted before at this election, and do you pledge yourself to support the nominees of this primary.

They shall also require all persons voting in the Magistrate's box to swear that they are residents of the Township in which they offer to vote. The said managers shall provide three boxes for each precinct, one to be known and designated as the State box, in which the State ticket is to be deposited, another to be known and designated as the county box, in which the county ticket is to be deposited, and a third box to be known and designated as the Magistrate's box, in which the Magistrate's tickets are to be deposited.

Where voters reside in one township and for convenience vote in another, arrangements may be made with the managers for such voters to cast their ballot for the Magistrates of their township. Printed tickets with instructions at the top will be found at each precinct. Each member of the County Executive Committee in person or by a representative must come to Yorkville on Saturday, August 25th, 1900, for the purpose of receiving tickets, oaths, rules, etc., for his precinct. By order of the County Executive Committee.

Official: J. S. Bruce, County Chairman. J. H. Saye, Secretary.

CANDIDATE ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For Magistrate.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Magistrate of Fort Mill Township, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. S. F. MASSEY.

We are authorized to announce Capt. M. M. WOLFE as a candidate for Magistrate of Fort Mill township, subject to the result of the Democratic primary election.

We are authorized to announce J. B. MILLS as a candidate for recommendation for appointment as Magistrate for Fort Mill Township, subject to the result of the Democratic primary election.

For Cotton Weigher.

We are authorized to announce Ira G. Smythe as a candidate for Cotton Weigher in Fort Mill Township, subject to the result of the election to be held in Fort Mill on August 28, 1900, and in which only the cotton producers and cotton buyers of the township are to participate.

To the Farmers and Cotton Buyers: I am a candidate for re-election to the office of Cotton Weigher. If elected, I shall try to please all interested parties. K. SHANNON.

Clerk of Court.

We are authorized to announce W. BROWN WYLLIE as a candidate for re-election to the office of Clerk of the Court for York County, subject to the result of the Democratic primary election.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Clerk of Court of York County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary election. W. H. STEWART.

Subject to the action of the Democratic primary election, I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Clerk of the Court for York County. J. J. HUNTER.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of Clerk of Court of York county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. J. A. TATE.

Solicitor of the Sixth Circuit.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Solicitor of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, subject to the result of the Democratic primary. THOS. F. McDOW.

I will stand for re-nomination to the office of Solicitor of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, subject to the result of the next Democratic primary. J. K. HENRY.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Solicitor of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, subject to the results of the next Democratic primary. W. C. HOUGH.

State Senate.

We are authorized to announce J. S. BRICE, Esq., as a candidate for State Senator, subject to the result of the Democratic primary.

For Sheriff.

We are authorized to announce Capt. E. A. CRAWFORD as a candidate for Sheriff of York County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary election.

We are authorized to announce JOHN R. LOGAN as a candidate for reelection as Sheriff of York county, subject to the result of the Democratic primary election.

For County Supervisor.

We are authorized to announce R. W. WHITESIDES, of Broad River township, as a candidate for Supervisor of York county, subject to the result of the Democratic primary election.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for reelection to the office of County Supervisor, subject to the result of the Democratic primary. T. G. CULP.

We are authorized to announce JOHN F. GORDEN as a candidate for the office of County Supervisor of York County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary election.

We are authorized to announce J. ED. LEECH, of Broad River township, as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Supervisor of York county, subject to the result of the Democratic primary.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Supervisor of York County, subject to the choice of the voters in the primary election. J. F. ASHE.

For County Auditor.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for recommendation by the voters in the Democratic primary for reappointment as COUNTY AUDITOR. W. W. BOYCE.

For the House of Representatives.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, subject to the action of the Democratic primary election. J. R. HAILE.

We are authorized to announce W. B. DE LOACH, Esq., as a candidate for the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, subject to the result of the Democratic primary election.

We are authorized to announce J. E. BEAMGUARD as a candidate for the House of Representatives, subject to the action of the Democratic primary election.

Appreciating the good opinion of a number of my fellow citizens, and in response to their invitation, I have decided to submit my name to the voters of York county as a candidate for the House of Representatives, subject to the wishes of the Democratic party in the approaching primary election. J. J. HULL.

We are authorized to announce HORACE E. JOHNSON for re-nomination as a candidate for the House of Representatives, subject to the choice of the Democratic voters of York county in the primary election.

County Supt. of Education.

Will sail by Good Hope. The life boat leaves the shore. Submissive to all necessary Democratic requirements. The 20th century candidate for County Superintendent of Public Instruction for York Co., S. C., is JAS. CANSLER. If elected will stoutly keep in mind the duties of the office. Each day will find him in attendance. Vote for him!

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-nomination for the office of County Superintendent of Education, subject to the rules of the Democratic party in the primary election. J. E. CARROLL.

A CLEAN SWEEP

Will be made in all SUMMER GOODS for the next two weeks. Mens' and Boys Straw Hats at 5 and 10 cents, formerly 25 to 75 cents. Ladies' Hats, choice 25 cents, formerly 75 cents to \$1.50. Figured Lawns 4 and 5 cents. There are some 12 1-2 cent goods in this lot. Dimity, Swiss, Pique, etc., at 7 1-2 cents, formerly 12 1-2 and 15 cents. All Slippers at 25 to 50 per cent off.

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L. J. MASSEY.

ALMOST GONE.

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